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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 2690**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Hancock**

February 20, 2004

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An act to add ~~Section 1720.5~~ *Sections 1720.5 and 1720.6* to the Labor Code, relating to public works.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2690, as amended, Hancock. Public works: funds.

*Existing law defines “public works,” for purposes of regulating public works contracts, as, among other things, construction, alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work done under contract and paid for in whole or in part out of public funds.*

*This bill would provide that, for this limited purpose, “public works” shall not include any otherwise covered work that is performed by members of the California Conservation Corps or of certified Community Conservation Corps.*

Under the California Watershed Protection and Restoration Act, the Legislature encourages the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Resources Agency to provide assistance and grants under the act to those who choose to participate in watershed restoration and enhancement. The act also makes certain declarations regarding voluntary, local, and collaborative watershed partnerships. ~~Existing law defines a “public work” as, among other things, construction,~~

~~alteration, demolition, installation, or repair work done under contract and paid for in whole or in part out of public funds.~~

This bill would, to the extent that public funds are available or made available for ecological restoration, watershed-based community outreach, and environmental education projects, require that those funds be expended to preserve the ability for citizens to volunteer and work in concert with workers paid prevailing wages, thereby providing benefits to both community sustainability and the ecological health of the state's watersheds and natural resources.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1720.5 is added to the Labor Code, to  
2 read:

3 1720.5. *For the limited purposes of this chapter, "public*  
4 *works" shall not include any otherwise covered work that is*  
5 *performed by members of the California Conservation Corps or of*  
6 *Community Conservation Corps certified by the California*  
7 *Conservation Corps pursuant to Section 14507.5 of the Public*  
8 *Resources Code.*

9 SEC. 2. Section 1720.6 is added to the Labor Code, to read:

10 1720.6. To the extent that public funds are available or made  
11 available for ecological restoration, watershed-based community  
12 outreach, and environmental education projects, the funds shall be  
13 expended to preserve the ability for citizens to volunteer and work  
14 in concert with workers paid prevailing wages, thereby providing  
15 benefits to both community sustainability and the ecological  
16 health of the state's watersheds and natural resources.

